



Task Force Marne Hero of the North



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PFC Zumbrun is a Cavalry Scout assigned to Apache Troop, 6-1 Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. While conducting a dismounted patrol, PFC Zumbrun noticed subtle differences in the terrain from the last time his Platoon conducted a mission in the area. He couldn't pinpoint what the specific differences were, but he knew something had changed. During his previous patrol, PFC Zumbrun had taken pictures of the terrain and compared the pictures with what he was seeing. He identified an area that was altered in an attempt to conceal it from observation. After a search, PFC Zumbrun's Platoon discovered a cache of almost 2000 feet of IED command wire and that gasoline had been poured on the roadway in order to soften it in preparation for a future IED emplacement. PFC Zumbrun's actions, attention to detail, and trust in his instincts effectively denied enemy attempts to inflict casualties on U.S. or Iraqi forces and make him a most deserving Task Force Marne Hero of the North.